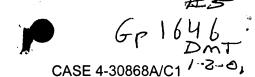
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Sir:

Please make of record the enclosed Declaration. It is being submitted because the filing date of the British priority document was inadvertently omitted from the Declaration which accompanied the transmittal papers on September 18, 2001.

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